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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit the documents listed hereinbelow, which prior art was cited in the European Search report, copies enclosed.

- (1) U.S Patent No. 3,459,600 entitled NOVEL ZINC COATING COMPOSITION AND METHOD, By Sedlak, patented August 5, 1969. The abstract is attached hereto.
- (2) EP Patent No. 0 084 593 entitled PHOSPHATE CONVERSION COATNIGS FOR METALS..., By Goltz, published August 3, 1983. The abstract is attached hereto.
- (3) DE Patent No. 199 23 084 published November 23, 2000. This patent is in German and there is no English abstract provided.

- (4) U.S. patent No. 5,683,522 entitled PROCESS FOR APPLYING A COATING TO..., By Joesten, patented November 4, 1997. The abstract is attached hereto.
- (5) International Publication No. WO 02/24975 entitled COMPOSITION AND POCCESS FOR TREATING METALS, By Meagher, published March 28, 2002. The abstract is attached hereto.
- (6) International Publication No. WO 95/10641 entitled CONVERSION COATINGS FOR METAL SURFACES, By Tomlinson, published April 20, 1995. The abstract is attached hereto.
- (7) International Publication No. WO 01/86016 entitled METAL SURFACE TREATMENT AGENT, By Sako et al., published November 15, 2001. The abstract is attached hereto.
- (8) U.S. Patent 5,143,562 entitled BROADLY APPLICABLE PHOSPHATE CONVERSION COATNIG..., By Boulos, patented September 1, 1992. The abstract is attached hereto.

(9) U.S. Patent 5,449,415 entitled COMPOSITION AND PROCESS FOR TREATING METALS, By Dolan, patented September 12, 1995. The abstract is attached hereto.

(10) EP 1 338 678 entitled CORROSION RESISTANT, CHROMATE-FREE CONVERSION..., By Jaworowski et al., published August 27, 2003. The abstract is attached hereto.

The undersigned submits the above-identified references for independent consideration by the Examiner and does not make any admission that these references are or are not material to the present invention or that these references are or are not prior art with respect to the present invention.

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